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Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated September 20, 2001 (copy enclosed), Applicant submits herewith the following documents:

- 1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts
- 2. Executed Declaration
- 3. Petition for Extension of Time
- 4. Preliminary Amendment
- 5. Substitute specification
- 6. Substitute drawings (Figs. 1-6)
- 7. Check for \$1165.00

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04-FC-203^An application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$342.
 - \$342 for 19 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1182.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:

■ Line spacing on the specification, claims, or abstract is not 1-1/2 or double space

(See 37 CFR 1.52(b)).

Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:

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ACKGROUND TO THE TECHNOLOGY:

This application claims priority from U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/224,673 filed August 11, 2000.

The present invention relates to new apparatuses useful for the conversion by steam reforming of hydrocarbons and fossil fuels into hydrogen that is the feedstock for fuel cell stacks that generate electricity. Still more particularly, the present invention is concerned with particular equipment, a hydrocarbon generating apparatus, a single vessel heat integrated multi-stage water-gas shift reactor, a multiple heat source boiler, a multi-functional heat exchanger, and a multi-staged preferential oxidation reactor, and the combination thereof into a fuel processor. The present invention is further related to the integration of said fuel processor with a fuel cell stack.